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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK VISIT

1. EXIMBANK TEAM COMPRISED OF DEPUTY V.P. THOMAS MORAN,
LOAN OFFICER PHILIP DUNTON AND ECONOMIST CHARLES HAMMOND
PLANNING TO VISIT TEHRAN, ARRIVING JANUARY 26 AT 1145
HOURS ON IRAN AIR FLIGHT 408 FROM KUWAIT AND DEPARTING
TEHRAN ON FEBRUARY 1 AT 0800 FOR ZURICH ON SWISS AIR
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FLIGHT 375. MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO DISCUSS NEW
PROJECTS IN ORDER TO INCREASE EXIMBANK ACTIVITY IN IRAN.

2. TEAM WOULD HOPE TO CALL ON OFFICIALS AT MINISTRY OF
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE (JAMAHID ASHRAFI, VICE
MINISTER AND REZA KHALEGHI-RAD - DIRECTOR GENERAL -
FOREIGN LOANS), NIOC, NIGC, NISIC, NPC, CENTRAL BANK
(COURTESY CALL ON GOV. ALI MEHRAN), BANK MELLI, ADBI,
IRANIAN STATE RAILWAYS (RE LOCOMOTIVE PURCHASE), IDRO,

IRAN AGROBUSINESS (IACI) HEADQUARTERS IN TEHRAN AND THE INDUSTRIAL CREDIT BANK.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH THESE PARTIES AND OTHERS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE, TIME PERMITTING. ALSO, IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE

MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH IACI FOR A ONE DAY VISIT TO IACI COMPLEX IN THE KHUZESTAN PROVINCE FOR MR. DUNTON ONLY. AIRLINE RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ON IRAN AIR FOR TRIP FROM TEHRAN TO AHWAY AND RETURN TO TEHRAN SAME DAY. ANY DAY DURING TEAM'S STAY WILL BE SATISFACTORY. DUNTON WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ACCOMPANIED BY AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IF ONE IS AVAILABLE. IACI HAS BEEN ALERTED REGARDING THIS VISIT.

4. WOULD EMBASSY PLEASE ALSO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THREE SINGLES AT THE TEHRAN INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL (FIRST CHOICE), HILTON OR SHERATON. WE ARE CONTACTING INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTELS - NEW YORK IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THESE RESERVATIONS BUT THEY SHOULD BE ACTUALLY MADE BY THE EMBASSY. ALSO, PLEASE CONFIRM OUTGOING AIRLINE RESERVATIONS AS SHOWN IN THE ABOVE ITINERARY. VANCE

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